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SUBJ: REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON "DETENTE"

1. HUNGARIAN NEWS MEDIA MARCH 3 GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS CONCERNING DROPPING OF WORD "DETENTE" AS DESCRIPTION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AND WHITE HOUSE COMMENT WAS FOR MOST PART FACTUAL AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. PRESS INTERPRETED CHANGE AS RESPONSE TO POLITICAL PRESSURES OF PRIMARY CAMPAIGN AND ASSURED READERS THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE WOULD REMAIN AS BEFORE.

2. ALL HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPERS TIED PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT CONCERNING INAPPLICABILITY OF WORD "DETENTE" TO HIS REASSURANCE CONCERNING U.S. INTENTION TO SEEK RELAXATION OF TENSIONS. ARTICLES ALSO CARRIED COMMENTS OF WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN CONCERNING REASONS FOR CHANGE IN PHRASEOLOGY.

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3. GOVERNMENT DAILYMAGYAR NEMZET, HOWEVER, HAS EDITORIAL MARCH 3 IMPLYING THAT PRESIDENT HAS SUCCUMBED TO PRESSURE

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FROM CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS IN REPUBLICAN PARTY. EDITORIAL CARRIES EARLIER QUOTATION FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO EFFECT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT DETENTE AND THEN CONCLUDES THAT PUBLIC OPINION NOW BEING DISREGARDED. STATES THAT PRESIDENT GOING BACK ON HIS WORD AND THAT CHANGE IS SURPRISE TO STATE DEPARTMENT AND TO OTHERS.

4. HUNGARIAN RADIO COMMENTED THAT "HAVING MADE HIS PECULIAR STATEMENT, PRESIDENT FORD HAS MADE A CONCESSION TO THE ATTACKERS OF DETENTE AND HIS RIVALS FOR THE PRESIDENCY....WE BELIEVE THE CONCESSION TO BE TACTICAL AND TO DO WITH WORDS RATHER THAN DEEDS. WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THIS."

5. IN COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S FLORIDA SPEECH, MAGYAR PRESS HAS BY AND LARGE IGNORED PRESIDENT'S TOUGH REMARKS ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA AND HAS INSTEAD EMPHASIZED HIS POSITIVE STATEMENTS CONCERNING IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS.
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